

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

**Minutes of Special Meeting
August 11, 2005**

President Pro-Tem Gohl called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Roll Call.

Present

*Robert G. Abboud, President
Fritz Gohl, Pro-Tem
Theodore L. Horne, Trustee
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee
Julie McKeivitt, Trustee
George E. Schueppert, Trustee
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Elaine M. Ramesh, Village Clerk

Absent

Steven E. Knoop, Trustee

Guests

Roy R. Brandys, Attorney
Edward Eshoo, Jr., Attorney
Christopher N. Mammel, Attorney
Lewis F. Matuszewich, Attorney
James P. Kelly, Attorney

Absent: Steven E. Knoop, Trustee

President Pro-Tem Gohl ordered recess until the arrival of President Abboud.

*Recess ended at 6:45 p.m. with the arrival of President Abboud.

ADMINISTRATION – Robert G. Abboud

President Abboud explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss changing counsel in the Dallas-Christopher Ltd. vs. Village of Barrington Hills (hereinafter referred to Duda II) deannexation litigation matter from the Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, Ltd. law firm to the Childress, Duffy, Goldblatt, Ltd. law firm (hereinafter CDG) and the Matuszewich, Kelly & McKeever, Ltd. law firm (hereinafter MKM). Attorneys Brandys, Eshoo and Mammel represented CDG, a Chicago law firm, and Attorneys Kelly and Matuszewich represented MKM, a McHenry County law firm.

The representatives of CDG and MKM described their qualifications for the case and fielded several questions from the Trustees on topics including the firms' depth of expertise in municipal law, potentials for conflict of interest, hourly rates, and willingness to pursue settlement in parallel to litigation efforts.

Trustee Smithe motioned to adjourn the Public Session to Executive Session with the guest attorneys present to discuss legal strategy for the Duda II deannexation case at 7:58 p.m. Trustee McKeivitt seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 6 (Schueppert, McKeivitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl, Abboud)

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 (Knoop)

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC SESSION

President Abboud called the Public Session to order at 8:56 p.m.

Authorization to Negotiate – Trustee Horne motioned to endorse Trustees Knoop and Schueppert to enter into a series of meetings with Mr. Duda and Mr. James or their representatives, for the purpose of negotiation. Trustee McKeVitt seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Authorization to CDG and MKM for Duda II Litigation – Trustee Smithe motioned to confirm the Village President's engagement of CDG and MKM law firms as co-counsel representing the Village in the Duda II litigation matter. Trustee McKeVitt seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Authorization of CDG for Negotiations with Hoffman Estates – Trustee Smithe motioned to confirm the Village President's engagement of CDG law firm as special co-counsel representing the Village in negotiations with Hoffman Estates. Trustee Schueppert seconded. All present said aye, with one voting nay.

Motion Approved

Trustee Horne motioned to adjourn the Public Session at 9:07 p.m. Trustee McKeVitt seconded. All present said aye.

Meeting Adjourned

Approved: _____